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MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2015

Bureau Chief Citarella called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. The following were in attendance: Bureau Chief Efrem Citarella, Deputy Chief Rob Russell, Somers Volunteer Fire Department Chief George Wahlers, and Somers Volunteer Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Jody Leverich. Deputy Chief Al Vigliotti was absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting were not approved as there wasn't a quorum of those present at that meeting in attendance this evening.

SUBMISSIONS

Frank and Rosemarie DiSiena – The site plan provided by the Planning and Engineering Department for Frank and Rosemarie DiSiena was reviewed and discussed. All agreed to request that a representative from Bibbo Associates attend the next meeting to discuss this further. A memo will be sent to Planning and Engineering Department.

SOMERS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S REPORTS

Somers Fire Department Chief George Wahlers reported on the following:

Holiday Happiness at Primrose School – This past weekend, the Fire Department was at the Holiday Happiness event at Primrose School. Cars were parked in the fire lanes, on the lawns and everywhere else imaginable. In addition, the hallways of the school were so congested with tables and attendees, that proper means of egress couldn't be maintained. A letter will be sent to the Superintendent of Schools with copies to all school Principals and the NYS Department of Education Facilities Planning. Issues with parking in particular continue to be a problem at large school events and if ever there were an emergency the end result could be disastrous. This situation must

come to an end.

4 Todd Lane – There was a chimney fire at 4 Todd Lane. Chief Citarella did a site visit and the owner is rebuilding.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Russell reported on the following:

Shared Driveways – As navigating the houses on shared driveways has become an issue in emergency situations, Deputy Chief Russell would like to see those that present an issue named a private drive. He will report back with those that are a particular concern.

CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Chief Fire Inspector Premuroso was not present, so there was no report. Both Chief Citarella and Mrs. Schirmer have been in touch with him via phone calls on a regular basis during his absence and all is in order.

OLD BUSINESS

Inoperable Hydrants – Chief Citarella and Deputy Chief Vigliotti met and created a list of the hydrants that are inoperable. The Town Highway Department will be reminded to keep those that are Town owned and operable clear of snow in the winter.

Emergency Gates – Chief Citarella and Deputy Chief Vigliotti met and also created a list of the emergency gates in Town. They will remain. The Town Highway Department will be reminded to keep them clear of snow in the winter.

Fire Prevention Programs – Sparky the Firefighter coloring books have been purchased for the Kindergarteners and activity books for 1st grade. Sparky and the Robot comic books have been secured for the 2nd graders.

Old Tomahawk Street – In the past there have been issues with cars parking on both sides of Old Tomahawk Street. A memo has been sent to the Police Chief requesting frequent patrols in that area.

Automatic Fire Alarms – The Fire Department has been receiving automatic fire alarm calls when the alarm companies are testing or taking the systems off line. It is required under the State code to notify the Fire Department when this is happening. A letter was sent to CIA and Somers Security reminding them of this. Owners of both companies responded and assured Chief Citarella that proper procedures will be followed.

253 Route 202 – While responding to a recent automatic fire alarm, the Fire Department noticed that the basement of 253 Route 202 had quite a lot of storage. Chief Citarella and the Town Code Enforcer met with the owner and all is now in order.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the Building Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Schirmer

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
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cc: Bureau of Fire Prevention
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